

Remarks/Arguments

Claim 6 has been amended in order to correct the lack of antecedent basis.

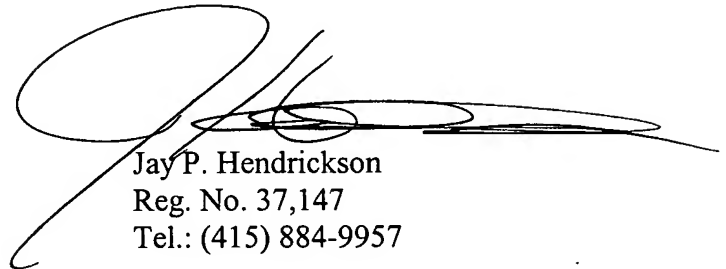
Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner, however, that claims 7, 8, 11, 12, 20, and 21 are indefinite due the phrase “rotatably attached to the pillbox”. The Encarta World Dictionary, North American Edition, defines “rotate” to mean “to make something turn around an axis or a fixed point”. The application and figures disclose that the pill loader **15** is attached to the loader back side member **5** by means of a pair of hinges **16** and **17** (paragraph [0039]), and FIG.’s 1 and 6 disclose that the hinges **16** and **17** are in axial alignment. Thus, the cover **15** turns around or rotates around the pair of hinges **15** and **16**, which constitute an “axis or fixed point”.

The Examiner has suggested that a more appropriate description would be to substitute “pivotally” for “rotatably”. But, “pivot” generally refers to a “short rod or shaft on which a related part *rotates* or swings” (emphasis supplied) (The American Heritage College Dictionary, 3rd Ed.) or to a “small object such as a bar or pin that supports a larger object and lets it turn or swing” (Encarta World English Dictionary, North American Edition). Therefore, applicant contends that describing the cover **15** as being rotatably attached to the loader housing is equivalent to describing the cover **15** as being pivotally attached to the loader housing.

Although applicant believes that an amendment is unnecessary, applicant has amended the claims as the Examiner has suggested. The amendment is made without prejudice, however, to applicant’s contention that the amendment is unnecessary and is being made in order to advance the application to allowance without further delay.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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